

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1310
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Richard Eugene Durham, Sr. upon being named Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Richard Durham, Sr., who has recently been named the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this estimable honor marks the first time in seventeen years that an individual from Chattanooga has received this award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Durham has been dedicated to the building of moral character and preservation of personal freedom of himself and his fellow Masons; and

WHEREAS, exemplifying the virtues of brotherhood, morality, justice, tolerance, citizenship, education, and freedom of ideas, religious choice, and expression that Freemasonry recognizes as prerequisites for bettering one's quality of life, Mr. Durham is most deserving of this esteemed honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Durham epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Richard Durham, Sr. for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Richard Eugene Durham, Sr. for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, congratulate him upon being named Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons in Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.